

LINCOLN WATER COMMISSIONERS

MARCH 11, 2009

The regular monthly meeting of the Lincoln Board of Water Commissioners was held at the Lincoln Water Commission Office with Commissioners Smith, Conklin, Pichette and Hadley present. Commissioner Kay was absent. Also present was Water Superintendent John S. Faile.

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 5:36PM.

Commissioner Pichette was unanimously voted Secretary for the meeting.

Upon motion of Commissioner Pichette, seconded by Commissioner Conklin, it was VOTED: To accept the minutes of the previous meeting as presented. APPROVED.

MONTHLY REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Upon motion of Commissioner Hadley, seconded by Commissioner Conklin, it was VOTED: That the Superintendent's Report for the month of February is accepted and ordered placed on file. APPROVED.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Upon motion of Commissioner Conklin, seconded by Commissioner

Pichette, it was VOTED: To accept the Financial Report for the month of February and ordered placed on file for audit. APPROVED.

CREDIT REPORT

The Credit Report for the month of February will be placed on file. Upon motion of Commissioner Hadley, seconded by Commissioner Pichette, a Public Hearing will be advertised for the April 8th meeting to solicit comments to generally adopt the guidelines of the PUC for termination of utilities for non payment. APPROVED

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

The Board was presented with the monthly statement of investments, encumbrances, and amounts available for capital projects for their information.

MONTHLY INVOICES

Upon motion of Commissioner Pichette, seconded by Commissioner Hadley, Accounts Payable in the amount of \$139,049.87 and Direct Payments in the amount of \$96,841.95 are approved for payment. APPROVED

ABATEMENTS

Upon motion of Commissioner Conklin, seconded by Commissioner Hadley, senior abatements of surcharges in the amount of \$16.73 were approved as follows:-

Eberhard Von Heyden of 14 Sayles Avenue \$7.48
The Casse Family Trust of 208-210 Chapel Street \$9.25

APPROVED.

ACCOUNT ADJUSTMENT REPORT

The Account Adjustment report will be placed on file.

CORRESPONDENCE

a) An on site inspection report from ATC Lincoln Associates as a result of a survey and sampling at the Manville Well Field was presented to the Board. Upon motion of Commissioner Conklin, seconded by Commissioner Pichette, it was VOTED: To approve payment of the invoices in the amount of \$1,500.00 for the inspection and in the amount of \$1,900.00 to proceed with the pre-demolition environmental survey. APPROVED

b) Discussion took place regarding the Lincoln Water Commission Memorial Trust. Upon motion of Commissioner Hadley, seconded by Commissioner Pichette, it was VOTED: that while the Commissioners appreciate the offer of the Board becoming the guardians of the Memorial Trust, they wish to respectfully decline. APPROVED

c) A recap of a pre construction meeting with representatives from Lincoln and Smithfield regarding an emergency connection on Twin River Road was presented to the Board.

**d) Upon motion of Commissioner Pichette, seconded by Commissioner Hadley, it was VOTED: To deny a request from Jeffrey Shayer to carry over 10 vacation days into the next fiscal year, quoting verbiage in the contract as the basis for their decision.
APPROVED**

**e) The Board received a copy of the stimulus bill update and information
as posted on the New England Water Works Association web page.**

f) Communication was received from the Rhode Island Department of Transportation Engineering Division informing the Board of an upcoming pre construction meeting to discuss the resurfacing of Route 246 from Breakneck Hill Road to the 116/146 Interchange.

g) Upon motion of Commissioner Pichette, seconded by Commissioner Hadley, it was VOTED: That the existing fire line bill of \$306.50 is due from Michael Berman, Moshassuck Valley Industrial Park is due and payable since it is for the past billing period. The next fire line bill will be prorated if the existing FIRE LINE is

permanently cut and capped and the disconnection is approved by the Fire District. APPROVED

h) The Board will participate in the Memorial Day Parade

OLD BUSINESS

a) The Certificate of Approval from DWSRF has been issued for the proposed main relining project.

b) Upon motion of Commissioner Conklin, seconded by Commissioner Pichette, it was VOTED: To continue the service agreement with Rockwell to provide preventive maintenance service to the CONTROL PANELS at the LWC facilities. APPROVED

c) The Superintendent informed the Board of necessary repair work pending at the site of the Cumberland Lincoln emergency connection at the Martin Street Bridge.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business brought before the Board at the March 11, 2009 meeting

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

a) The Charter Review Subcommittee reported no progress.

b) The Labor negotiations Subcommittee reported no progress.

c) There was no monthly safety meeting in February.

d) Two claims for oil pan damage after a main break at 315 Old River Road were submitted from Diane Dulac and Dianne Ferreira. Upon motion of Commissioner Hadley, seconded by Commissioner Pichette, it was VOTED: To honor each claim in the amount of \$300.00 maximum as recommended by the Rhode Island Department of Transportation guidelines, execute a release of liability, proof of payment, and inspection of the vehicle. APPROVED

The Board will inform Northeast Wireless Services LLC that they are not interested in leasing space on the water tank on Rocky Way for communication antennas at this time.

The Superintendent informed the Board of a phone call received from Rhode Island Senator Jack Reed informing him that the Lincoln Water Commission is approved for a 2009 appropriations grant in the amount of \$300,000.00.

The Lincoln Water Commission was informed of TOPPS dividends in the amount of \$1,219.00 and \$815.00 from Rhode Island Interlocal Risk Management Trust.

Upon motion of Commissioner Hadley, seconded by Commissioner Pichette, it was VOTED: To adjourn to executive session in accordance with RIGL 42-26-5a (1) – 9 to discuss personnel matters and legal contract negotiations at 6:36 PM.

Upon motion of Commissioner Pichette seconded by Commissioner Conklin, it was VOTED: to return to the regular meeting.

Upon motion of Commissioner Conklin, seconded by Commissioner Hadley, it was VOTED: To seal the minutes of the closed session in accordance with RIGL 42-26-7c.

Upon motion of Commissioner Conklin, seconded by Commissioner Hadley, it was VOTED: To purchase two sweatshirts with the logo for each member of the utility crew. APPROVED.

Upon motion of Commissioner Pichette, seconded by Commissioner Hadley it was VOTED: To abate interest in the amount of \$81.22 for Mr. William Vincent, owner of 60 Progress Street only if he pays the entire billing in the amount of \$1,520.48 within 30 days. APPROVED.

Upon motion of Commissioner Pichette seconded by Commissioner Conklin, it was VOTED: To adjourn at 8:40 PM. APPROVED